

This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

We respond to live according to God's Holy Will by our obedience and commitment.

PROMISE:

"If he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life." (Ez 18: 27)

WORD:

Ez 18: 25-28/ Ps 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Phil 2: 1-11/ Mt 21: 28-32

ORDERS:

- *Have in you the same attitude that is in Christ.* (Phil 2: 5)
- *Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves.* (Phil 2: 3a)

DIRECTIONS:

- Follow God's commandments with all your heart, mind and soul.
- Live our lives according to His examples of humility and obedience.



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Obedience Requires Humility

REFLECTION:

The theme and promise tonight are a great reminder of our good Lord's patience and love for all of us. He is a forgiving God who constantly waits for us to repent and make right any of our offenses. We are all called to be obedient and committed to His Holy will. These things are easy to say but very difficult to act on, almost impossible to follow for most of us. We constantly hear this from others and even ourselves: *I will be obedient to God's will, I will do His will and not my own.* We hear this so much that it has become cliché, it has lost all its meaning; we have grown numb to these promises and statements.

Why do we act like the second son most of the time, why do we continuously say *"we love You Lord"* and *"I will be obedient"*, but find ourselves doing the exact opposite of His will? Very much like the pharisees, we constantly pray, actively participate in church or community activities but do nothing for our brothers and sisters in need. Just like the pharisees, we have this sense of entitlement, a sense that we deserve to



be saved because we are His 'followers'. Sadly, my brothers and sister, we are far from being His followers. For us to be obedient to His Holy will, we first need to humble ourselves.

At our last final plenary session and during our LWG a few weeks ago, one thing was made clear to me,

obedience does not come without humility. Our hearts are hardened because we lack humility, we prioritize ourselves first instead of our brothers and sisters in need. Our egos and pride get in the way to our obedience to His will. Being full of ourselves has pushed out our Lord and Savior from our hearts. This difficulty to rid ourselves of our selfishness and self-centeredness is the main obstacle that keeps us away from His saving grace.

Our Lord and Savior has given us a multitude of examples of His humble heart. From our second reading tonight: *"he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross."* (Phil 2:8) Our Lord Jesus Christ is showing us that true obedience requires true humility, to regard our-

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BLD Trenton Community Night



Theme:
"International Cultural Night"

OCTOBER 14, 2023 | SATURDAY | 6pm - 10 pm

Waterview Pavillion, Grand Ballroom, Belmar New Jersey

ATTIRE:
Semi-Formal/Depiction of any ethnic origin and other countries

TICKETS: Adults (\$60) | Students (\$50) | Kids 12 years old and below (\$20)

CONTACT PERSONS:
Bong and Faye Dixon (ME - 14)
Ramon and Lady Cuasay (ME - 15)

BLD TRENTON JOHN 6 CROSSING

Registration is Open
for Children ages
11 - 15 years old

Date: September 29th - October 1st, 2023
Place: Saint John Paul II Youth Retreat Center
499 Belgrove Dr. Kearny, NJ 07032
Registration Fee: \$150.00 per person.
(Fee includes meals for the entire weekend.)

For inquiries and slot reservations, please contact
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Deal With It

So many criticize and say that everything is going wrong. But that's not what the Christian is called to do; instead, he is called to deal with it, to get his or her hands dirty: first of all, as St. Paul told us, to pray, and then not to engage in idle chattering – idle chatter is a plague – but to promote good, and to build peace and justice in truth. This, too, is apostolic zeal; it is the proclamation of the Gospel; and this is Christian beatitude: *"blessed are the peacemakers"*.

~ Pope Francis

Online Giving

You can now send your tithes and love offerings via **Paypal**.
Donate link can be found at
www.bldtrenton.com

Or mail check to:
BLD Trenton Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 1367
Toms River, NJ 08754

The Lord's Provision

September 22, 2023

Tithe :\$445.00
Love Offering :\$136.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!

God's Blessings

Birthday

Bong Dizon	9/29	Chito Ciocon	10/3
Kimberly Ciocon	9/30	Evelyn Balondo	10/3
Mimi Caragay	10/1	Jan Bacus	10/4
Brooksie Brooks	10/4		

Anniversary

Leo & Norms Llave	9/29
Toti & Inna Lukban	9/29
Tony & Arlene Riggio	10/3
Tony & Lolit Manuel	10/5

Who Are You Gonna Call (or Text)?

For Mama Mary's visit - Beth Felibrico 732-995-7407
For Prayer Service - Mary Anne Arias 732-688-3962

*The sins of my youth and my frailties
remember not, O Lord.*

Tending the Flock

Close To The Earth

To his exhortation to unity, Paul adds a call to humility, saying: *"Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others"* (Phil 2:3-4). Christian life is a life for others: existing for others, humble service of neighbor and of the common good. Dear friends, humility is a virtue that does not enjoy great esteem in the world of today, or indeed of any time. But the Lord's disciples know that this virtue is, so to speak, the oil that makes the process of dialogue fruitful, cooperation possible and unity sincere. The Latin word for humility, *humilitas*, is derived from humus and indicates closeness to the earth. Those who are humble stand with their two feet on the ground, but above all they listen to Christ, the Word of God, who ceaselessly renews the Church and each of her members.

~ Pope Benedict XVI

 **Bukas Loob Sa Diyos**
Diocese of Trenton
invites you to

"Life In The Spirit Seminar"

October 27-29, 2023
St. Veronica Church, Howell New Jersey

FREE REGISTRATION

For all inquiries and registration,
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*"Behold,
I make all
things new."*

Come...Holy Spirit...Come...


Solo Parent Encounter Weekend

Mature Singles
Unmarried Guardians
Separated Divorced
Married to physically Handicapped Spouse
Widows & Widowers
ARE ALL WELCOME!



"Through the mountains leave their place and the hills be shaken. My low shall never leave you nor my covenant of peace be shaken, says the Lord, who has mercy on you"

Isaiah 54:10

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SOLO PARENT ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

November 11 & 12, 2023 at 7am
St Veronica Church
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selves as less than all our brothers and sisters. Tonight's orders and directions, point us in the direction of our Lord and Savior:

Orders:

1. Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus. (Phil 2: 5)
2. Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves. (Phil 2: 3)

Directions:

1. Follow God's commandments with all your heart, mind and mind.
2. Live our lives according to His

examples of humility and obedience.

When we adopt the same attitude as our risen Lord, we then become humble and put others ahead of our needs. Granted we will never be exactly like our Savior, we all need to try to emulate His example. Brothers and sisters, humility is what we should strive for and obedience will follow. Humbling ourselves for the service of others in need, for those who are marginalized, for the oppressed, is what our Father in heaven desires.

My Father in heaven, I raise up my prayers, O Lord, for a humble

heart, a humble heart that will always be open to the needs and hurts of my brothers and sisters. To always be sensitive to their plight, their struggles as they struggle through this life. A heart that will put all of you, my brothers and sisters, first above my own needs and hurts. With this prayer, O Lord, let me make this commitment to You my Lord and to all here in this community, that I humble myself, I humble myself to your service and to become obedient to our Father's will! Make me a servant to Your will and to all for all eternity!

